GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:8
ANSWERED ON:18.11.2002
IRRIGATION PROJECTS OF ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to non-implementation of major irrigation projects on Godavari in Andhra Pradesh, Godavari water is wasted into the sea;

(a) if so, whether this is due to disputes between different States on the use of Godavari water;

(b) if so, whether a high level committee under Central Water Commission was set up with members from the concerned States;

(c) if so, the main recommendations made by the Committee;

(d) whether any acceptable formula has been prepared by the Committee; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to utilize the water of Godavari river gainfully?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir. A High Level Committee for resolvinginter-State issues involved in the planning of Inchampally and Polavaram projectsin Godavari Basin had been constituted under the Chairmanship of Member, Water Planning and Projects, Central Water Commission with members from the concerned States.

(d) The main recommendations made by the Committee are;

(i) Inchampalli is the most suitable project.

(ii) The Ministry of Water Resources may consider for the constitution of Joint Control Board for Inchampalli Project.

(iii) The State Governments may be requested to communicate their decision on Full Reservoir Level (FRL) + 95 m.

(iv) In regard in Polavaram Project, the Government of Orissa need to furnishconcurrence/response after getting details from Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(e) The High Level Committee and its Task Force haveprovided a forum for discussions between the concerned States and Central Agencies which has enabled to narrow down the differences for arriving at a consensus decision.

(f) The matter regarding Inchampalli and Polavaram projects has been taken by the Government with the concerned States. A meeting of the Chief Ministers of the concerned States for Inchampalli project was convened by the Union Minister of Water Resourceson 16th November, 2002. However, due to the preoccupation of Chief Minister of Chattisgarh the meeting could not take place. A new date for the meeting is to be fixed.